

IAAT First Impression Reports

Hurricane Dean
&
CA Wild Fires

IAAT Basics

- Focus
 - Systemic Problem
 - Programmatic Issues
- Methodology
 - Interviews
 - Conference Calls

Hurricane Dean Response (Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands)

- National Activation
 - Regional Activation
 - National Ice
 - National Water
 - National Power
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- USACE Support – 113 Personnel

Hurricane Dean (Texas and Louisiana)

- National/Regional Activation
- National Ice/Water
- GIS
- Shadowing
- Commodities
- DTOS
- Emergency Power

CA Wild Fires Response

- National and Regional Activations
- Temp Housing
- Emergency Power
- GIS Support
- Tech Assistance (Debris SME's)
- USACE Support – 63 Personnel

Hurricane Dean Findings

- The hurricane provided a very good training.
- Conference calls were a very valuable tool in coordinating actions - Except.
- Hands on training to better prepare PRTs - particularly for their first deployment.
- There is a lag in getting out the latest information.
- Access/set up of NRCC and RRCC's

Hurricane Dean Findings (con't)

- FEMA issued mission assignments early.
- There was a general lack of written guidance/direction from the UOC.
- Access to HSIN.
- USACE is losing experienced personnel (so is FEMA).
- Accountability of personnel.

CA Wild Fires Findings

- The USACE response was very limited due to the nature of the event.
- USACE support to FEMA met or exceeded FEMA's expectations.
- USACE had the right people in the right places to meet mission requirements.
- Deploying to a warm JFO with in-place connectivity was a plus.
- Lag in issuing updated guidance.

CA Wild Fires Findings

(con't)

- FEMA issued mission assignments early.
- The good pre-existing relationships with FEMA Region X made for a smooth operation
- USACE needs to get better/more familiar with the Incident Command System.
- USACE is loosing experienced personnel (so is FEMA).
- Multi-Agency Strategic Group.

Other Issues

- Fight as you train
- Only talk USACE programs
- Coordination/coordination/coordination
- Stuff happens – manage expectations